

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
NOV 09 2006

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following set of claims for the pending claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Shoes having exchangeable straps, said shoes comprising shoe bases and a plurality of strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases through which exchangeable shoe straps terminating in ~~safety-pin~~ attachment structures comprising pivotable locking pins are detachably secured, wherein said pivotable locking pins have an open position, and in a closed strap-securing position, each form a closed loop.

2. (Previously presented) The shoes of claim 1, wherein said shoes are fashion style coordinated, yet different, in appearance, and constitute a pair of shoes to be worn together.

Claims 3-9 (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A footwear system comprising
(a) shoe bases, and
(b) exchangeable shoe straps detachably securable to said shoe bases through shoe strap attachment loops, by attachment structures comprising pivotable locking pins that have an open position, and that ~~spring-biased locking arms~~ in a closed strap-securing position each form a closed loop.

11. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10, wherein said shoe bases are of different styles or fit, and said shoe bases are selected from high heel shoe bases, mid heel shoe bases, low heel shoe bases and platform shoe bases.

12. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10, from which a user assembles a pair of shoes that is fashion style

coordinated, yet different in appearance,
further comprising the user wearing said pair of shoes
together.

13. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10,
wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap color.

14. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10,
wherein said exchangeable shoe straps are made of different
fabrics.

15. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10,
wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap patterns.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10,
wherein said exchangeable shoe straps differ in strap width.

18. (Previously Presented) The footwear system of claim 10,
wherein said strap attachment loops are on the sides of said shoe
bases.

19. (Previously Presented) The shoes of claim 1, further
comprising strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases
in addition to said plurality of strap attachment loops through
which said shoe straps are detachably secured.

20. (Currently Amended) Shoes having exchangeable straps,
said shoes comprising shoe bases and a plurality of strap
attachment loops to which exchangeable shoe straps are detachably
secured by attachment structures comprising pivotable locking
pins that have an open position, and that spring-biased locking
arms in a closed strap-securing position each form a closed loop,
wherein said pivotable locking pins extend through said strap

attachment loops ~~spring-biased locking arms have an open position.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The shoes of claim 20, wherein said plurality of strap attachment loops is on the sides of said shoe bases, ~~and~~
~~said spring-biased locking arms extend through said strap attachment loops.~~

22. (Previously Presented) The shoes of claim 20, further comprising strap attachment loops on the sides of said shoe bases in addition to said plurality of strap attachment loops to which said shoe straps are detachably secured.

23. (New) The shoes of claim 1, wherein said pivotable locking pins extend through said strap attachment loops.

24. (New) The footwear system of claim 10, wherein said pivotable locking pins extend through said strap attachment loops.